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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application in the attached Japanese Communication (Office Action) dated November 24, 2004, i.e., less than three months ago. An English language version of the foreign communication is attached for the Examiner's information. Both the English translation of the Japanese Communication and the English Abstracts for the references are relied upon to satisfy the requirement of a statement of relevance for the attached references. Please note that Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-018924 was previously cited in the above-captioned patent application and, therefore, is not listed on the attached PTO-1449.

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